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Council mulls takeover by San Miguel

by Cheryl Cohen

The city of Lemon Grove will gain a fire truck and lose at least one employee if the city accepts a contract in its current form for outside fire services.

The contract was presented during a special meeting of city council on June 16. The meeting was called to decide whether or not to begin contract negotiations with the San Miguel Fire Protection District, the only agency to respond to a request for proposal (RFP). Two other agencies, San Diego Fire Department and California Department of Forestry appeared at preliminary discussions, but never presented proposals.

Although the RFP project has been in progress for many months, the presentation left many unanswered questions which staff postponed for later discussion.

San Miguel's proposal consisted of six books and was received by council members only 48 hours prior to having to make a decision. Council members said this was insufficient time to read and digest its contents. In any case, they approved the opening of negotiations with San Miguel in a 4 - 1 vote, Councilman Craig Lake opposed.

Lemon Grove Fire Chief Dale Chamberlain's last day of work is July 3. Fire services secretary Cindy Croucher is expecting a child, and has not expressed a desire to return to work for the department on either a full- or part-time basis. Croucher's new career path of motherhood, plus the retirement of Chamberlain, couldn't have come at a more convenient time for San Miguel.

Their positions, plus that of Fire Prevention Specialist Shawn Branaugh, will be eliminated altogether under the terms of the proposed contract. Instead, San Miguel would have a 24-hour battalion chief who would function as the duty chief. A backup chief officer would be provided on a 24-hour basis whenever the battalion chief is committed to another response.

Out of the 19 current firefighters now in Lemon Grove, only 18 would be transferred to San Miguel, providing they undergo and pass San Miguel's required physical examinations. The remaining firefighter would remain at the Lemon Grove station and perform both fire prevention and suppression duties, as needed.

The subject of a front-desk presence was one of the items



San Miguel Fire Chief Kevin Eggleston (front) fields questions from the city council regarding his agency's proposal to provide services for Lemon Grove. He is flanked by Assistant City Manager Bob Richardson and Fire Chief Dale Chamberlain.

Photo by Cheryl Cohen

"not yet thought through," according to Assistant City Manager Bob Richardson.

Lemon Grove firefighters have lobbied hard for this contract with lengthy presentations before council in the past. As the decision about fire services contract negotiations and the June 30 expiration of their own labor contract approached, their efforts became more aggressive.

Firefighters expected opposition because of what has been characterized as a "perceived lack of control" by Lemon Grove of its fire department, sparked perhaps by Councilman Lake's vocal and written objections, a launched an aggressive offensive. Their handouts (later used as "Attachment 2" to the city council agenda's summary) referred to new contract benefits such as competent management staff, professional staff to assist code enforcement and new agency pride and moral, as though these were not already attributes of Lemon Grove's fire department.

Mayor Mary Sessom questioned the wisdom of replacing the prevention specialist with a suppression specialist. When she asked about the possibility of putting the prevention specialist job back into the mix if one or more firefighters didn't pass the required physical exams, Capt. Tim Laff shot back: "Over 50 percent of our current firefighters in Lemon Grove have the same or higher level of fire prevention training than our fire prevention

specialist."

This response was not lost on Branaugh, a certified fire prevention officer through the California Fire Marshall's office with arson investigative, emergency medical, law enforcement and fire inspection experience.

"I don't dispute that firefighters get a certain level of training in prevention, but how can anyone justify that (Laff's) statement?" he asked. "Through background, level of service, or education?"

He said that during the beginning of training, people make the decision to go to suppression or prevention work. A certain amount of stigma is attached to prevention work, as it's usually where they stick suppression people when they're injured and can no longer perform as firefighters.

Branaugh said that when he applied for the job 10 months ago, he was told his position may not transfer over should the contract go to an agency like San Miguel. Still, he said he likes working in Lemon Grove because it's a tight-knit community where he can have a direct impact on the citizens.

He's also favors the merger in terms of what's best for the city.

"If my heart failed, I'd rather have a firefighter here to save my life, than to know the building where I'm standing is safe," he said. "I can always become an asset to another community if it can't work here."

Planners willing to ease zoning changes until big developers come along

by Cheryl Cohen

Planning Commission

• Minimum Area for Development — This means that there will be no subdividing of land allowed unless there is a development and phasing plan provided, and that the city determines that it is consistent with the proposed Regional Commercial land use. Again, this is up to the discretion of the Planning Commission.

Butler admits that although the limitations on improvements to these properties is "not a brick wall, they may be an impediment."

The main thing, he says, is to keep the area available for development. It's not likely that a planned development permit would be granted for any substantial building on the lots.

There is some question as to the enforcement of this hybrid zoning situation, as the city has never dealt with a situation like it before, and the city attorney said she had not had a chance to research all the ramifications involved.

Also, the fair market valuation of the properties could pose a problem, if an eminent domain and subsequent condemnation situation came to pass with any of the properties.

During the public hearing, the Yellowshirts again came forward with their (by now, canned) presentation of the reasons why STA III should be returned to HC zoning. When each presenter was asked by the Planning Commission if the compromise of the overlay would satisfy them, the answer was "yes, as I understood it."

And, therein lies the rub.

Judd Carson, one of the more outspoken Yellowshirt activists, said he was satisfied with the result of the meeting, "... but I don't really understand what a planned development permit is."

Jim Elliott, organizer of the Yellowshirts, said he was happy, but the fact is that he will not need to build anything further on the property he owns in STA III in order to rent it out or sell it.

When asked if he would help the other Yellowshirts to pursue the issue further, even if he is not personally affected, he would only comment that it remained to be seen.

The Planning Commission's recommendation to pass the amendment will go before city council on July 14.

M is for Mayor

Personal comments of Mayor Mary Sessom

Hitting the streets with Mayor Mary

The City's new performance based budget contains goals that each department in the city is expected to accomplish this fiscal year. The public works department, for example, is expected, among other things, to have installed sidewalks on Kempf. The city council is no exception. One goal we are to accomplish individually is a "ride-along" with each city department so we can better understand how services are provided to citizens.

For my first assignment, I chose a "ride-along" with the Sheriff's Department on the B shift (2:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.). Fortunately, I was paired with Deputy Ron McCullough who grew up in Lemon Grove and attended Monterey Heights Elementary School. He knows the city and its residents. I was treated to a historical narrative on various neighborhoods and how they have evolved (good or bad) over the last 32 years. This discussion led to questions of how can we clean up the bad neighborhoods and make sure the good neighborhoods stay that way.

I was surprised at the diversity of people causing trouble in our city - young/old, white/black, male/female - and the areas they were found in - from Westview to Golden Ave. The calls we responded to ranged from trespassing to armed robbery. Sometimes Deputy McCullough and I responded to the calls alone and other times we were joined by one of the other deputies on patrol, Tony Garcia, Randy Visconti or Bill Reiley.

Crime prevention is an important part of law enforcement and our deputies do a good job of it. Even though we were very busy, a serious effort was made to drive through the residential areas during daylight hours. Residents waved and seemed glad to see us. Various business areas received a visit too. I suspect that the business owners were also glad to see a Sheriff's car in their neighborhood.

Law enforcement consumes \$2,641,000 a year or 35 percent of our city budget. It is a constant balancing act on the part of our police chief and city manager to keep Lemon Grove safe without breaking the budget. I believe they are doing a good job. The deputies on the streets are also doing a good job. We, as citizens, can help by participating in a Neighborhood Watch Program, volunteering at the Sheriff's Department or taking responsibility for our family's actions. Of course, a smile and a "thank you" wave when a deputy drives by is always appreciated.

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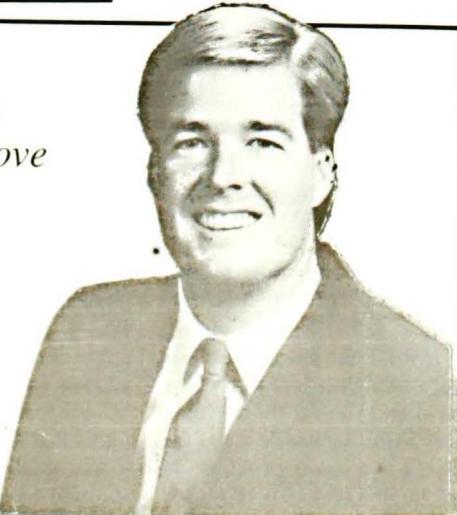


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Lemon Twist

by Cheryl Cohen

Aren't all those new medians nice? Well worth waiting for, huh? Fulla flowers and trees and decorative brick. And you have to admit; even though traffic was a drag, they really went together pretty quickly. When all that foliage matures, it's going to look very nice for Lemon Grove. But...did they have to install them right in the middle of everything?

And, say! How 'bout that new 99 cent store on Broadway, eh? Bet I know where they bought their new sign...

It's my duty as a (okay, maybe slightly errant) member of the 20th Anniversary Birthday Committee to tell you that gettin' into this gig ain't gonna be easy. If you want to attend this July 19 celebration, you've gotta work for it. We're not going to sell actual tickets for the event. You have to write your checks for \$20/person, payable to "20th Anniversary Party" and mail or otherwise deliver them to 3232 Main St., Lemon Grove, CA 91945. Reservations received by July 7 will receive personalized name tags (don't get excited) with commemorative pin inserts. All those received later than that, will probably get one of those cheap "Hello" stickers with your name hastily felt-penned (and probably spelled wrong) at the door, or a permanent tattoo on your upper arm from the bouncer at the door. Trouble with those is, they all say "Mom." Why take chances? (I know this is important to you, too.) Getcher reservations in today.

There will be the History Walk of Lemon Grove. No-host cocktails and dinner buffet, anecdotes and presentations and live music and dancing. Remember, if you want to get a peek at Little Darlings' storyboard, you've got to come to the event! I have a confession to make. I'm looking forward to pointing and laughing at all the 20-year-old polyester in the story boards, and secretly think of it as our own little "Walk of Blame." Don't tell anyone.

White invitations, beige invitations. Cake and punch, dinner and dancing. Punch and Judy, 20th anniversary, 20th birthday. Betcher saying, "Will someone please just make up our minds?" Let me help. If you got a white invitation, you've been personally invited to the 20th anniversary b'day party dinner/drink/dance/walk/fall down...whatever, on July 19. If you got a beige invitation, you've been personally invited to the Chamber's combination 50th/Lemon Grove's 20th birthday/quasi-City Council meeting with cake and punch. Or, was that Doug and Judy? Don't panic; they'll pretend to get some business done at the meeting, but with food waiting, you can bet they won't keep that charade up for long. Two invitations mean you'll be gaining weight next month, and no invitation simply means you're welcome to crash the party – for free on July 1, or for \$20 on July 19. If you received a black invitation, ... then you panic.

THE FIRST LEMONITES – a continuing saga about the history of Lemon Grove: Lemon Grove was once a part of Mission San Diego, the mission lands being colonized by Spain, along with an early carpet-bagging family in 1769. Originally, these bagmen made their fortune in tanning salons before becoming interested in land deals. They began developing large areas of blighted land once belonging to the Indian tribe known as Yellingshirts, and paid for the land with something called "condemnation", and a few trinkets worth about \$24. The Yellingshirts were displaced and pressured to move into industrial complexes, where many died of exploitation.

Send your comments, press releases and good vibes to *The Review*, or directly to me at 264-3153 (msg.), 264-4180 (fax), or cirious@cts.com (Internet). Just like hitting yourself in the head with a hammer, it'll feel so good when you're done!

Obituary

Howard L. Bowers

Howard L. Bowers, 88, a long-time resident of Lemon Grove, died June 21, 1997 in Burbank, Calif.

Mr. Bowers was born Oct. 28, 1908, in Sedan, Kan. and lived in Lemon Grove throughout his school-age and adult years. He served in the Coast Guard and was an active member in the VFW and Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Bowers was preceeded in death by his wife, Millicent Poulsen Bowers. He is survived by three sons, Judson of Phoenix, Ariz., James of St. George, Utah, and Stephen of Burbank.

At his own request, Mr. Bowers was cremated and his ashes were spread at sea.

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Commentary

If I could respond to the news of the day

A few weeks ago, I took keyboard in hand to write a series of smallish commentaries relating to some burning issues of the day. This approach was so well-received, that I thought I'd try it again - only with a twist. In this piece, I will respond to certain quotes from a typical day's news, taking the role of everyman, while you sit back and enjoy the fun.

Oh, there will be carnage, but, I think at this point, you've grown to accept that. All of these quotes are taken directly from our own *Union-Tribune*. Here goes:

"A little more than two weeks before the British colony's (Hong Kong) return to China, Beijing's appointed legislature yesterday passed laws restricting the territory's freedom of assembly and association."

So what's new? The Chinese Government long recognized as the most corrupt and evil in the history of mankind, has restricted the freedoms of Hong Kong and the British, long recognized as the most spineless and ineffective country of all-time, are completely powerless to do anything about it. And in the meantime, our totally gutless and spineless U. S. President and Congress continues to grant most favored nation status to this behemoth. Amazing.

"On Saturday, October 4, 1997, seize the opportunity to experience this year's (Insights World Conference) lineup: Margaret Thatcher, Larry King, Maya Angelou, Tom Peters, John Naisbitt and more. Ticket prices range from \$225-\$400." \$225 - \$400 to see people I wouldn't even watch on C-Span or CNN for free?! Besides, the last two I've never even heard of! And Maya Angelou's only claim to fame is that she read a boring poem at Clinton's first inauguration. Maybe Thatcher might have something interesting to say, but Larry King?! I don't think so.

"In the fiercest clashes in the West Bank in several weeks, hundreds of Palestinians threw stones and firebombs yesterday at Israeli troops, who responded with rubber bullets."

How do you say, "Wailing machine gun fire?" How long is Israel going to allow themselves to be pushed by a rabble of maniacal nomadic terrorists and madmen? My solution to all of this West Bank nonsense: imprison all of the men, sell the women and children into slavery, raze the buildings and plow the earth with salt. It's what Richard Nixon would have done, by gum.

Tribune staff writer John Marelus stopped kissing the Chief Executive's backside for about 10 minutes to type this: "President Clinton delivered an impassioned defense of affirmative action yesterday as he used a UC San Diego commencement address to launch a national discussion of race relations..."

"Impassioned," Huh? I suppose anything said by this lying, corrupt, adulterer would be passionate to hack typists like Marelus, but in reality, the speech was nothing more than a slick reiteration of Clinton's former discourses, in which he vows to "Fix Affirmative Action." In other words, he wants

to "continue Affirmative Action," even though we know it does nothing but perpetuate certain minorities as a permanent underclass.

"We must ensure that every child has the chance you (the UCSD graduates) have had to develop your God-given capacities." - Bill Clinton, from UCSD speech. Boy, this guy can really turn to the Almighty when he needs to make a point, can't he? But hoping that every child has a chance to attend a college like UC San Diego is a bit unrealistic. Unless you have thousands of dollars at your disposal. I would have respected this guy more if he had addressed the graduating class of Grossmont or Cuyamaca College, but, then again, there's no prestige, or liberal regents to fawn over him at these schools. But despite his absence, most folks go to these two-year facilities, anyway..

"Though minorities are succeeding more than ever today, we still see evidences of bigotry from the desecration of houses of worship..." - Bill Clinton, same speech.

Has this man no shame?! A recent report indicated that the spate of church burnings was not the result of any racial conspiracy and more white churches were torched than black-attended ones. Any ridiculous statement to make a point.

"I am Scotch-Irish Southern Baptist, and I'm proud of it. But my life has been immeasurably enriched by the power of the Torah, the beauty of the Koran, the piercing wisdom of East and South Asia. I have felt indescribable joy and peace in black and Pentecostal churches. I have come to love the intensity and selflessness of my Hispanic fellow Americans toward La Familia." - Bill Clinton, same speech, again.

Geesh. I can't believe this senseless rambling. But me scary thing is, a lot of really stupid people out there were eating this garbage up with a fork and a spoon. I'm sure Clinton's life has been influenced by the Torah (courting the Jewish vote), the Koran (ditto, the Asians), and black churches. Yeah, right. If Martin Luther King, Jr. weren't dead, he'd be spinning in his grave over that one, folks.

(Grand Forks, North Dakota) Community leaders celebrated the passage yesterday of the disaster-relief bill, a version of which was hung up in Congress and vetoed by President Clinton before winning quick approval from both late Thursday."

In another example of their complete ineptitude, the GOP-controlled house was made to look like evil villains while the true satan sat smugly smirking in the warmth of an ignorant populace's seemingly endless approval. Engaging in a tactic that the Democrats used frequently during the Reagan and Bush Administrations, the Republicans tacked on a few provisos, one dealing with the census, that irked our C.E. Seeing another opportunity to paint them as mean-spirited, he vetoed the bill, his poll numbers rose and the GOP sulked back to the drawing board and gave in, yet again.

Reel Thoughts

'Con Air' soars above other summer action films

by Betty Jo Tucker

Daring heroes, dastardly villains, dangerous stunts, and dazzling special effects take center stage in three new movies released this past month. "Con Air," "Speed 2: Cruise Control," and "Batman and Robin" all aim to please action adventure fans. Unfortunately, only "Con Air," from Touchstone Pictures, lives up to expectations.

The latest Batman outing left me as cold as its icy villain, Mr. Freeze (played by a monumenally miscast Arnold Schwarzenegger), and I wanted to jump ship early on during "Speed 2." Both films suffer from serious dialogue problems. In "Batman and Robin" (Warner Bros.), there are no real conversations, just a series of clichés strung together - "The Iceman cometh," "Don't fool with Mother Nature," "When Hell Freezes

Over," etc., etc. In "Speed 2" (20th Century Fox), people talk to each other like characters in a junior high play. Granted, Jason Patric and Sandra Bullock look great as they sacrifice their own security to rescue other cruise ship passengers in "Speed 2." And those fantastic costumes and sets of "Batman and Robin" astonish us.

But not even the delicious villainy of Uma Thurman's Poison Ivy in "Batman and Robin" and Willem Dafoe's mad computer genius in "Speed 2" can save these disappointing films. George Clooney makes a much too bland Batman; Chris O'Donnell's Robin appears too whiny; and Alicia Silverstone's Batgirl gets too little screen time to create any interest in her scholar-turned-biker-chick persona.

On the other hand, "Con Air" gives action movie fans their money's worth. Rumor has

it that the film's star, Nicolas Cage, may play the next movie Superman. He certainly shows superhuman qualities in "Con Air." As an ex-Marine, newly paroled after serving a prison term for killing his wife's attacker, he must save the day when a group of big, bad convicts take over the airplane that is transporting them to a new institution.

Obviously enjoying this role - one in stark contrast to his Oscar-winning performance in "Leaving Las Vegas" - Cage romps across the screen, flexing his buffed up muscles and duking it out with the likes of John Malkovich from "In the Line of Fire" and Steve Buscemi of "Fargo." Buscemi stands out among a fine supporting cast as the most calm, yet deadliest, convict. His tea party scene with a trusting little girl makes you shiver with dread.

First-time director Simon West moves the film's action along relentlessly. One of the most exciting sequences thrills the audience with an almost too realistic crash landing on the Las Vegas strip.

For those of us who love action movies,

PG Perspectives

by Phillip Giannangeli

Codes

Buried deep within today's column are some encrypted messages. No one is quite sure how they got there, but they are there. They will not be easy to find so that means you will have to search really hard for them. But believe me, they are there. And once you find these hidden messages you'll say "Wow, I shoulda had a V8."

This may even be the beginning of a new avocation for some of you. With that in mind, let me give you some hints as to how to go about discovering the coded messages that are in this column.

But first, as always, an explanation. In the religion section of the June 9 issue of Newsweek there is a story entitled "Seek and Ye Shall Find." The story is about a book and a process. The book is called *The Bible Code* and it talks about messages, predictions, and references that are hidden in the Hebrew Bible. By applying certain techniques, the author says he has found references in this Bible which forecast people and events from Hitler to the assassination of John Kennedy. The process referred to in the book is a special decoding technique which led to the discovery of these secret messages throughout the Bible.

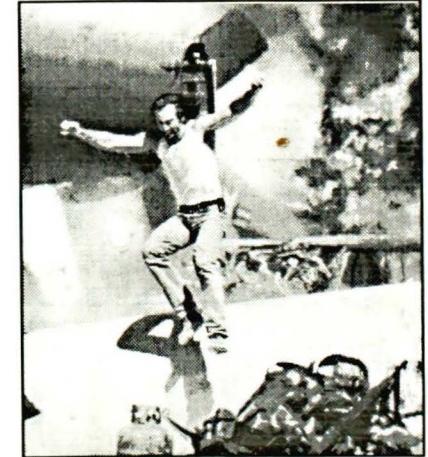
The method for discovering these hidden messages is one that uses what is called a "skip code." It is complicated ~~Jimmy Hoffa is dead and buried in Arkansas, Tennessee and Montana~~ and you need to follow the procedure very carefully. Pay attention so you can apply it to this column. According to the Newsweek article, "In a skip code, the message is decrypted by taking every 10th, 44th, 3007th or any other nth letter." Find the right interval and you will find the message ~~It wasn't Paul who died, it was Ringo~~ hidden deeply in the text. Obviously this skip-coding process opens up all sorts of vistas for those who are in the predictions game. Even more so, for those who see an ordered, predetermined world out there. All any of us need ~~Computers are evil and will destroy the world by the millennium~~ is patience, persistence, and precision. With those qualities, we can foresee what the future holds for us and the world around us.

Two questions came up in the article in Newsweek. The first involved the source of these revelations, the Hebrew Bible. Is that the only database for such information and is it such because of its divine nature? Are other holy ~~Martha Stewart will marry Richard Simmons and found a new utopia for overweight perfectionists~~ books such repositories too? Researchers are, at this very moment, searching other holy works.

The second question asked is if the same techniques were applied to other books, would there be similar findings? The author didn't think so. He was quoted as saying that if his critics could "find a message about the assassination of a prime minister encrypted in 'Moby Dick' I'll believe them." For him, the revelations are divine and he's simply discovered the way to open them up to all of our eyes. He's sort of the decoding messenger and as such doesn't fancy the attacks directed at him.

The field of inquiry in all of this is vast. Some have gone so far to suggest that I and others like me should devote the rest of our lives to finding out the truth of this matter and refrain from reporting our findings until after the certainty of the matter is assured beyond all doubt. ~~Forum Publications wins Pulitzer and replaces San Diego Union Tribune as newspaper of record~~. That, of course, would mean no more column from me and a certain diminution of product from others on staff. Although I understand the sentiment reflected in such suggestions, I feel ~~Big winner of lottery an El Cajon resident who writes for Forum Publications~~. I owe it to my faithful readers to forego that arrangement. Other writers will have to make their own decisions.

As much fun as it would be to go searching for hidden messages in various sources, I think I'll just look around and see what's out in the open and try to report on that. On the other hand, you, faithful reader, might want to check to see if there are any hidden messages in, say, Dear Abby's column. I've always suspected there might be more than meets the eye there.



Recently paroled Cameron Poe (Nicolas Cage, center) finds himself inadvertently embroiled in a mid-air skyjacking in Touchstone Pictures' "Con-Air".

"Con Air" helps keep this movie season from becoming the summer of our discontent. And, happily, we still have "Face Off," "Men in Black," and "Air Force One" to look forward to.

Warning: Strong language and extremely violent scenes make "Con Air" unsuitable for children.

Let everybody know your side of things - put it in a letter to the editor
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Curfew law ruled unconstitutional

by Ninette Sosa

Parents, it's 10 o'clock, do you know where your kids are? Hopefully you do, because local law enforcement in most East County communities no longer have the authority to enforce the 10 p.m. curfew law — for the moment.

La Mesa, El Cajon, Spring Valley, Lemon Grove and Lakeside are not enforcing it. Santee is at odds.

"They'd better well be enforcing it," said Acting City Manager George Tockstein. "We adopted a brand new ordinance last August, it included the daytime curfew as well as the night curfew ... and I talked with the city attorney who said we were covered."

Sheriff's Capt. Lori Bird received a different order from the county Sheriff's Department, which has a contract with Santee.

"As of late Monday, a memo was sent out with a statement to not enforce the county's curfew ordinance and to submit comments to the legal advisor," said Bird. It was unclear if the legal advisor was the city's legal advisor or the county counsel's advisor.

For the past several months, San Diego police and county sheriff's deputies have been picking up children out after 10 p.m. in a new, aggressive enforcement of the 1947 Curfew for Minors ordinance. The crackdown was challenged by a group of nine plaintiff — six of them minors — represented by attorneys for the American Civil Liberties Union.

Two weeks ago, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit called the 50-year-old ordinance too vague and ruled against it.

The crux of the Ninth Circuit's concern is the part stating minors cannot "loiter, idle, wander, stroll or play" between 10 p.m. and dawn. The court ruled the language defined the prohibited conduct too imprecisely and thereby didn't give minors adequate notice of what would and would not be allowed.

The court said this also gives police too much discretion in deciding what is illegal conduct.

The city of San Diego has enacted an emergency ordinance so that police can continue to enforce a 10 p.m. curfew. The county has not. Unincorporated areas of East County — Lakeside and Spring Valley — use sheriff's deputies for public safety and must abide by the county counsel's discretion. While Santee and Lemon Grove also use sheriffs,

they serve the cities on a contract basis; therefore, those city councils will need to decide their next steps.

La Mesa Police Chief Walt Mitchell has, so far, directed police not to enforce the curfew ordinance pending a meeting with the city attorney.

"We're waiting word on what comes down," said Lt. Chuck Brady, adding that this information was handed down to their department at least two weeks ago. "I understand that all the cities are getting together and will decide on what to do, but until then, curfew enforcement has been suspended."

Brady said that protection will be an issue that police will try to work with parents in handling children on the streets late at night.

Lemon Grove is awaiting direction from the county Board of Supervisors.

El Cajon's Police Department is under instruction to cool its heels for the moment when it comes to curfew.

"It's been about two weeks now that it has not been enforced," said Capt. Jim Davis. "This all came down because there was some question of First Amendment Rights."

Meanwhile, San Diego's emergency ordinance makes it illegal "to be present" on public property or on the premises of an "establishment." The 1947 Ordinance had an number of exceptions which the Ninth Circuit found too narrow an intrusion into the constitutional rights of minors and their parents.

Curfew did not apply when the minor was accompanied by a parent or guardian; upon an emergency errand at the direction of the parent or guardian; returning directly home from a meeting, entertainment or recreational activity directed by local educational authorities; and when the minor's presence was connected to a legitimate business, trade, profession or occupation in which the minor participated.

Attorneys are revising the county ordinance, which will go before the supervisors in mid-July. More than 100 cities have joined in on San Diego's emergency curfew ordinance, which modeled after another ordinance in Texas, said San Diego legal counsel Laurie Twomey.

The revised ordinance has been prepared to conform quite a bit to the Dallas curfew ordinance, which was found to be

constitutional by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals," Twomey said. "The provisions of that ordinance, and the opinion of the Fifth Circuit was accepted with approval by the Ninth Circuit in the city's case."

Santee doesn't seem to know if its enforcing the curfew or not. The city did adopt a new ordinance last August and city staff seems confident that the law will stick.

"Our ordinance is a city ordinance," said Tockstein. "I think what they're talking about is San Diego's ordinance, which was too vague ... and we don't use the county ordinance. We adopted our own."

Tockstein said that the contract with the Sheriff's Department allows the city to direct the Sheriff's department. The Sheriff's point woman, Lt. Bird, understands the city ordinance differently.

"Santee adopts all the county's ordinance, and they are in limbo at this point," she said. "What I have is a memo dated yesterday (June 23) to not enforce it at this time until county counsel reviews and amends the ordinance."

Photo contest in progress



Dick Johnson fires up his shutter for the Fifth Annual Photo Contest, open only to amateur photographers, at Mission Trails Regional Park. The deadline for entries (photos taken within the confines of the park) is 5 p.m. July 6. Adult divisions are color scenic views, color wildlife A(animals and people), and black and white. The youth division (17 and under) includes color and black and white. Prizes will be awarded for the first, second, and third places in each division. Photos will be on display July 6 through 27, and volunteers may vote for their favorite. The Best of Show, selected by popular vote, will receive a \$100 reward. Prizes will be given during a reception to be held at the center on Sunday, July 27, between 2 and 4 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Call 582-7800 for further information.

Photo by Lora Clark

Octad to stage 'Much Ado About Nothing'

A picnic supper, light wrap and something comfortable to sit on are recommended. Admission is free.

This Shakespearean comedy is a romantic comedy of errors. Young lovers Hero and Claudio are to be married in one week. To pass the time, they conspire with Don Pedro to set a "lover's trap" for Benedick, an arrogant confirmed bachelor, and Beatrice, his

favorite sparring partner.

Meanwhile, the evil Don John conspires to break up the wedding by accusing Hero of infidelity. In the end, though, it all turns out to be "much ado about nothing."

The Octad version will be directed by Jeanette Thomas, who will be assisted by Jaime Auckland. The cast includes: Robert Auckland, Kelly Ayers, John Barnes, Gregory Bass, Dane Button, Danny Campbell, Jennifer Catton, Charles Finn, Gail Freeborn, Kirk Hardin, Jesse Keller, Justin Lieberknecht, David O'Neal, Jeff Rank and Elizabeth Rococoforte, David Silva, Jonathan Silva, Erin Stephenson, Layla Stuckey and Kellye Wilborn.

For further information call 286-3685.

Franchise tax board speaker set

Marion Reese of the Franchise Tax Board will speak at next meeting of the East County Chapter of the Inland Society of Tax Consultants on July 1. The group will convene at 5:30 p.m. for social time and at 7 p.m. for dinner at the El Cajon Elks Lodge, 1400 Washington Ave.

Reese will speak on "Payment Arrangements and Offers in Compromise." Attorney Garrison Armstrong will discuss a new

pension plan designed for small businesses.

The cost for the event is \$15 for members and their spouses and \$20 for non-members. For more information or to make reservations, call Russell Shankle at 788-9541.

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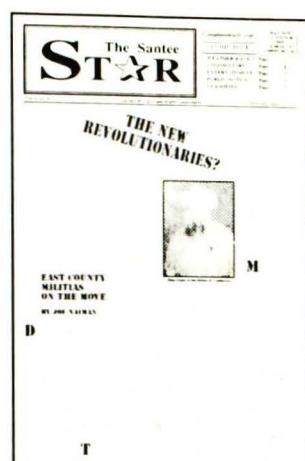
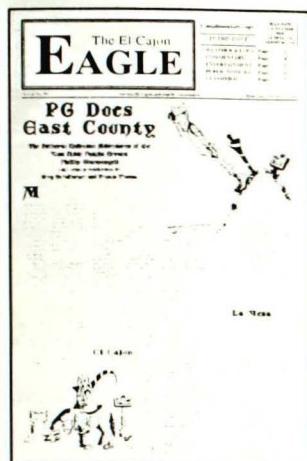
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Society of Professional Journalists gives awards to East County writers



Five East County journalists, including Forum Publications regulars Cheryl Cohen, Phillip Giannangeli and Joe Naiman, received awards for news writing last night at the annual banquet sponsored by the San Diego Pro Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ).

Giannangeli placed second in the Opinion category among non-daily newspapers for his humorous tour entitled, "PG Does East County."

Naiman received three second-place awards, one for an education series on the proposed unification of Lakeside school districts, one for "The New Revolutionaries? East County militias on the move," and one for a rodeo story which appeared the *Ramona Sentinel*.

Cohen received third place in the non-daily Features category for a profile of Jane's Country Kitchen in Lemon Grove, "Jane's still breakfast's best kept secret."

Other writers receiving awards were Ken Kramer of La Mesa for radio and television spots in his "About San Diego" series and Emmet Pierce of the *Union-Tribune*'s East County bureau. Pierce first place in the Business/Finance category among daily newspapers for "Crossroads on Main Street," and third place for "Illegal immigrant traffic damaging ecosystems."

All entries were judged by SPJ chapters in Atlanta and Oklahoma City.

Congratulations writers!

Letters to the Editor

Shabby treatment

The article about the brutal attack on Nick Latino by two local thugs and sheriff reaction to the crime ("Friday the 13th Part 97: East County Goes to Hell," June 19 issue) brings back to my memory an incident at Mast Park involving my little boy in September of 1992.

In my case, an attack by a dog, the sheriffs treated me and my son in a shabby and disinterested manner.

If sheriffs and police would go after real crime instead of spending millions (I mean millions) on catching prostitutes, johns and poor little masseuses in their own private business by way of entrapment, and violation of privacy/civil rights, we would have a much better city!!!

NICK BRENNAN
Spring Valley

Put that cross back

Every time I receive the city of La Mesa's quarterly newsletter, *FOCUS*, I can't understand why the most visible landmark of the city, i.e., Mount Helix and its Cross, is missing from the newsletter logo, the city police insignia, now the new La Mesa Flag, and the logos of other La Mesa institutions.

The Mount Helix Cross is the only part of La Mesa that can be seen from the hills of Grossmont, Lake Murray, Spring Valley, Lemon Grove, San Carlos, Mount Nebo, Eastridge, Del Cerro, San Diego's eastern areas and El Cajon's Fletcher Hills, as well as most of the cities of La Mesa, Lemon Grove and El Cajon.

Why did the citizens (55,000+) of La Mesa and the La Mesa city government allow two of its citizens (aka James Ellis and a friend) to remove the "symbol" of La Mesa?

Separation of Church and State have nothing to do with removing the symbol of the landmark. It is just a ruse to try to remove all reminders that a Holy God died on a cross for a fallen world. La Mesans, let's get up some gumption and get our city's symbol back.

C. MILLER
La Mesa

Homeowners urged to call before they dig

Summer is the season for initiating home improvement projects, but did you know that by simply digging a hole in your yard, you could be endangering your life should you unintentionally strike an underground power line?

Just beneath your property may lie a myriad of lines, wires and cables that are vulnerable to being damaged, thus causing an interruption in service or, in some cases, injury and even death.

According to Ron Olitsky, president of Underground Service Alert (USA), you can help prevent such incidents from occurring by simply making a toll-free call at least two working days prior to beginning any kind of excavation project.

"Many people are beginning to

build swimming pools, patios and decks — all of which involve some amount of digging," Olitsky said. "While many contractors are aware of the importance of calling us before they begin their excavation projects, many individual homeowners are not. We hope to increase the public's consciousness about DigAlert."

For more than 20 years, USA has provided a vitally important service that requires those intending to embark on any type of digging or excavating project to call before they begin. After receiving the calls, USA acts as a communication link to more than 700 owners of underground services including Pacific Bell, Southern California Gas, the Edison Co. and the Department of Water and

Power, so that representatives from these entities can mark where their underground lines are located. These markings serve to alert excavators where the substructures are situated.

"Just one backhoe stroke has the potential to cause an explosion, fire or some other serious problems," said Olitsky. "To avoid such disasters, the one-call system utilizes a color-coded marking system (red for electrical conduits, orange for communication and cable TV lines, green for sewer lines, yellow for gas and oil lines, blue for water lines and purple for reclaimed water lines) to indicate where critical services are located. This, of course, serves as a guide to those excavating."

USA encourages anyone intending to dig — from individuals to professionals — to telephone a toll-free "DigAlert" number at least two working days prior to beginning excavation. Contractors and excavators who knowingly and willfully fail to comply with the state requirements can face a fine of up to \$50,000 and will be obligated to pay for the repair of damaged underground facilities.

For more information about USA or its services, call (714) 528-0322. To notify USA before digging, call (800) 227-2600.

A non-profit mutual benefit organization, Underground Service Alert was formed in 1976 by a group of representatives from several California public utilities dedicated to ensuring the safety of the public and workers excavating near underground utility lines. Today its 760 members consist of more than 164 cities and counties, public and private utility companies, oil companies, cable TV operators, 234 water agencies and others who have underground pipelines, conduits, wires, cables or ducts.



Those watching the western horizon Monday evening saw a mysterious, winding band of light. What looked like a jagged crack in the sky or a prelude to the second coming turned out to be the distant contrail of a missile launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base near Lompoc.

An hour before sunrise tomorrow, the Last Quarter Moon will be found one-quarter turn to right of rising Sun. An hour before sunrise on Saturday, Saturn will be seen very close to the bright side of the fat crescent Moon. A telescope could show Saturn's rings, now over 11 degrees from edge-on.

Mars will be in the WSW at nightfall Sunday, about two hours after sunset. Note the first-magnitude star Spica 19 degrees to Mars' upper left, and the 4th-mag. star Eta in Virgo just 1.2 degrees to Mars' upper right. Mars is now shifting half a degree daily against the stars, and will pass close to Spica on August 3.

About an hour before sunrise on Tuesday, find the crescent Moon low in ENE to E. Nine degrees to its upper left is the Pleiades star cluster, very beautiful in binoculars. Rising 10 or 11 degrees to Moon's lower left is Aldebaran, the "follower" of the Pleiades and eye of Taurus, the Bull. Look again Wednesday morning, and you'll see that the old Moon will have leapfrogged to the lower left of Aldebaran.

Coming soon!
Forum Club to go on picnic with Shakespeare.

B Words

by Bob Burns

Regarding the so-called 'Fire Sale'

In the first place it is not a "fire sale" it is prudent use of assets, tradition, and funding for fire protection of our community.

As opposed as I was of the La Mesa Gobbleup while I was Mayor, I enthusiastically support the plan to be included in the San Miguel umbrella of fire safety and control in our area. Being taken over and bled white was a far different proposal than the present contracting for management and facility sharing plan.

Retaining our identity will be assured, and the best usage of our physical plant and fire equipment, as well. Our firefighters will not be immediately enriched with pay raises, since they are about equal now with the new planned compensation. Our special uniqueness, in Lemon Grove, will be closely considered. And, there will be cost savings, sans our Chief and assistant Chief positions. For less money per capita in Lemon Grove, the service levels will be enhanced. We will have better training for our fire fighters, and a broader access to the newer communication and fire combating technology.

There is a common logic that says that bigger is better by way of consolidation and elimination of redundant top management. The logic is sound, but in practice it does not often work that way. Government, at all levels has

shown that very often the reverse is true. Bigger means power, and we all know what power does. I have always felt that "big government" was not for Lemon Grove, and resisted it constantly.

For those who do not know me, I grew up in the Fire Service back in Michigan where my father was Fireman and Chief over 40 years. I love and appreciate the fire service. It is statistically a more dangerous job than being a policeman. However, I also know that Firemen have more time to discuss and act upon their selfish interests, than most other workers do. Where that gets out of hand, it may not be to the best interests of the community. However, the present plan does not have any such connotations, and thus I can fully endorse it. It is progress of the most frugal and well planned kind. Lemon Grove will benefit overall, and none of the fears of the past will be realized. I urge the City Council to adopt this proposal and to put it in effect as soon as possible. Please, do not protract the issue with endless meetings and continued repetitive dialogue. Act, in the manner that the voters want you to, and go on to other matters.

I can't guarantee, ala Joe Namath, but I will predict that our sometimes friendly neighbor to the North will one day come to its senses and do as we are doing.

Long in the tooth organizations do get top heavy and expensive, and can be in the need of dire change. Bigger can be better if all factions are fairly considered and share the vocation, without an ego power structure base.

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Every Fourth of July, fire departments around the country try to caution people about the potential hazards of trying fireworks at home. The California Fire Marshal's office reports that fireworks injuries are on the rise, including 329 emergency room cases last year.

All fireworks are illegal in San Diego County, including sparklers and poppers. Fireworks brought in from Mexico are considered highly dangerous and unstable.

To help address the problem, fire departments are helping host four Independence Day celebrations in East County. They are as follows:

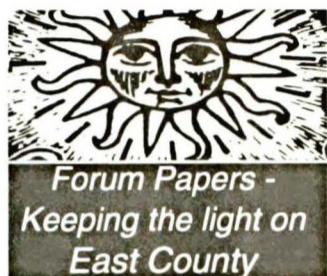
El Cajon: 9 p.m. July 4 at Kennedy Park, 1675 E. Madison Avenue. KYXY 96.5 FM will simulcast the event, airing music with a patriotic theme. Earlier in the day the El Cajon Fire Department will host a "Old Fashioned Picnic" from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. at Kennedy Park. Food items will be for sale and entertainment will be provided by musical groups. The Mustangs, Engraved, Poppa Legbow and Christian Youth Theater's showcase group, "The Crew". There also will be an astro jump, kiddie train ride, spin art, face painting, fire trucks, and helicopter landings. Proceeds from

the event will be donated to the El Cajon toy drive.

Lakeside: Barona Casino will be hosting the county's only combined fireworks and laser light show during its Independence Day celebration July 3.

The fireworks show itself will begin at 9:00 p.m., but the band Brick Row, which plays '70s and '80s hits and contemporary blues, will perform from 7 to 9 p.m. outside the casino's north entrance. Barona's Shirley Curo noted that the outdoor setup will affect only the parking area reserved for tribal members, and Curo also stated that the casino's new parking lot is expected to be open shortly before the July 3 festivities. The casino is located at 1054 Wilcat Canyon Rd., six miles north of the Willow Road exit on Highway 67.

Santee: The city of Santee will celebrate the 4th of July with a fireworks show at 9 p.m.



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day from Rio Seco School and will suspend regular programming to accompany the fireworks with traditional Independence Day tunes.

At 6 p.m. Art Deco will perform pop and classic rock sounds at the Rio Seco School amphitheater as the first in a series of summer concerts with other shows scheduled for July 11, 18 & 25.

For more information call the Community Services Department at 258-4180.

Spring Valley: 9 p.m. July 4 at the Spring Valley Swap Meet, 6377 Quarry Rd.

For more information about community-licensed fireworks displays, call 541-2277.



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